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Indonesia-Philippines-Malaysia: Recent Indonesian-Philippine talks in Bangkok may have promoted progress on several area problems.

Meetings between Foreign Ministers Malik of Indonesia and Ramos of the Philippines on 30 April and 1 May apparently resulted in an understanding on the Philippines' recognition of Malaysia and Indonesia's recognition of Singapore. The Philippines once more agreed to delay normalizing relations with Malaysia, and recognition now is reported to be scheduled for the first week of June. Indonesia apparently hopes to announce formal recognition of Singapore a few days later.

The problem of Indonesia's three-year confrontation with Malaysia was also discussed at Bangkok both by Malik and Ramos and in a private meeting on 1 May between Malik and Ghazali, Malaysia's ranking Foreign Ministry official. Malik again proposed some kind of survey in Malaysia's Borneo territories as to whether the people want to remain under Malaysian administration. According to an unconfirmed press report from Kuala Lumpur on 4 May, Malaysia is willing to hold peace talks with Indonesia if the present "calm" on the Borneo border continues.

Indonesia's follow-up on the confrontation problem, however, depends greatly on domestic developments, particularly the pace of the campaign to denigrate President Sukarno. Ramos observed on 4 May that confrontation was not likely to end suddenly.

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Dominican Republic: Isolated clashes between partisans of presidential candidates Bosch and Balaguer continue throughout the country.

Among such incidents was one last weekend in the Cibao Valley, which led to a death and numerous injuries. The violence usually starts during rallies or other political activities. What begins as insulting taunts and rock throwing often degenerates into knife-wielding, pistol-shooting melees.

The national police, who have primary responsibility for public order outside the capital and Santiago, are usually poorly trained and equipped, and often partial to one group. Their responses have ranged from overreacting with lethal measures to indifference.

Reformist Party candidate Balaguer publicly charged on 29 April that Bosch's Dominican Revolutionary Party and others have instigated attacks by young ruffians against his followers. He acknowledged that some of his own supporters have been guilty of similar tactics and indicted Dominicans as a whole for "acting out of collective madness." In reporting Balaguer's speech, the US Embassy commented that incidents over last weekend point up the validity of his concern.

Under such conditions Bosch has chosen to campaign from his well-guarded home, and Balaguer feels obliged to be escorted by heavily armed bodyguards.

The prospects for a meaningful electoral contest on 1 June could be jeopardized should the tempo of violence increase or a principal political leader be assassinated.

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*Guatemala: Members of FAR, the Guatemalan Communist Party's action arm, appear to have renewed activity in Guatemala City. Yesterday afternoon terrorists machinegunned the official car of the secretary of information, killing his son and driver. Secretary Morales was not in the car at the time of the attack.

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They also kidnapped the Supreme Court president.

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